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Some MATTERS *of* FACT *relating to the* Preſent State *of the* AFRICAN TRADE; *demonſtrating, That there are not wanting any* Subſcriptions, *or* New Projects, *for its Support.*

'TIS no Wonder that among the many fraudulent and chimerical Projects lately broach'd, that for the *African* Company's Subſcriptions, now on Foot, ſhould be one of the moſt conſpicuous; than which no Jobb heretofore hath met with better Succeſs to the Projectors, who have, for Sixty Years paſt, got great Eſtates out of the Subſcriptions of ſuch as have been ſo wiſe to truſt them with their Money; ſo as the ſaid Subſcribers have been defrauded of a Million of Pounds Sterling, at leaſt, in that Time.

Nor is it a leſs Wonder to ſee the New Projectors dealing out their Stock of abſurd Impoſitions, and Falſities, left them, as a Legacy, by their honeſt *African* Predeceſſors; whereby they have, from Time to Time, decoyed, defrauded, and ruin'd, many innocent, weak People: Which will be the Caſe once more, if this Project in Queſtion ſucceeds again.

But the great Concern theſe Projectors expreſs, on this Occaſion, for the Good of their Country, and this Trade, leaſt it ſhould be loſt, is much to be admired; and though it is one of the moſt ridiculous, yet it hath been always uſed as their chiefeſt Argument, by all former Projectors, 'till it appeared the greateſt Fiction and Untruth, to all Men that enquir'd into it, that ever was aſſerted. And as it will again appear to be, by the following Liſt of Ships, now imployed in the Trade to *Africa*; amounting, with their uſual Cargoes, to the Value of many Hundred Thouſand Pounds: Which is no great Sign of the Trade being like to be loſt, as is fooliſhly ſuggeſted.

And what is the moſt extraordinary on this Occaſion, is, to hear it ſaid, the *African* Traders are a diſperſed People, that they have lately been undone by the Pyrates, and ſomething muſt be done in this Trade; when, at the ſame Time, thoſe Loſſes by the Pyrates, have been owing, in a great meaſure, to the Want of Protection againſt thoſe Pyrates who have been ſuffer'd ſo long, now as 'tis doubtful, whether a Squadron of Ships will be able to deſtroy them in many Years; yet thoſe Loſſes ſure ought not to be made Uſe of, as a Reaſon why the *African* Traders ſhould be driven out of the Trade, in Favour of this, or any other Project.

Nor is it to be thought our Legiſlators will ever countenance this Project, any more than others before them; whereby great Numbers of Traders in *London*, and all the Out-Ports of *Great Britain*, will be, in a manner, deprived of the greateſt Part of the Trade they have.

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A Liſt of the Ships belonging to the Port of London, *now in the* African Trade; *with the Number of Negroes they uſually purchaſe for the Plantations*, viz.

Ships Names.	Negroes.
The Victory	350
Reynolds	500
Charming Mary	240
Wyddaw	600
Griffin	160
Ann, *Thompſon* Maſter	200
Mary	200
Greyhound	350
Adventure	350
Queen Elizabeth	200
Margaret	300
Samuel	200
Succeſs	270
Ann, *Gery* Maſter	200
John	400
Marlborough	150
Mayflower	120
Wiltſhire	300
Cocoa Nut	200
Dove, *Swanly* Maſter	300
Kent	350
Mary and Catherine	180
Portugal Merchant	450
Mary	250
Indian King	200
Indian Queen	500
Fame	450
Royal Hind	350
King Solomon	400
Elizabeth, *Bull* Maſter	240
Proſperous	150
Henry	500
Swallow	450
Antelope	350
Porcupine	400
Princeſs	500
Suſannah	300
Elizabeth, *Kate* Maſter	200
Sarah	200
Leopard	180
George	400
Triton	200
Levant	500
Henrietta	250
Coaker	200
Charlott	200
Crown	200
Diſpatch	100
Betty	200
Daniel	200
Samuel and Elizabeth	350
Princeſs of Wales	280
Hare Sloop, for Gum	—
Fanteen	350

Ships Names	Negroes.
Brought over	15620
The Newport	300
Ann, *Hinton* Maſter	200
Calabar, *Lone* Maſter	200
Leake	200
Bonetta	300
Two Brothers	250
	17070

A Liſt of the Ships belonging to the Port of Briſtol, *now in the* African Trade; *with the Number of Negroes they uſually purchaſe for the Plantations*, viz.

Ships Names.	Negroes.
The Peterborough Frigott	340
Henry	240
Queen Mary Gally	400
Coltſon Gally	200
Tunbridge Gally	300
Jaſon Gally	400
Berkely Gally	350
Pennil Gally	300
Cornwal Gally	340
Robert	200
Mercy Gally	340
Freake Gally	400
Nightingale Gally	170
Abingdon	300
Society	240
Noblett	200
Grayhound	280
Caliabar Merchant	260
Tryton Gally	160
Betty Brigantine	250
Betty Gally	350
Raymond Gally	300
Alexander	240
Commerce	200
Betty Snow	160
Hunter Brigantine	200
Tiverton Gally	260
Rebecca Snow	160
Oldbury	240
Morehampton	200
Morning Star	160
Prince Eugene	500
Anna and Sarah	240
Dover Gally	300
Robert and Henry	280
Sherly Gally	280
Ann Gally	300
Seraloon	240
Africa Brigantine	140
	10420

A Liſt of the Ships belonging to the Port of Liverpool, *now in the* African Trade; *with the Number of Negroes they uſually purchaſe for the Plantations,* viz.

Ships Names.	Negroes.
The Tildſley	300
Stanhurſt	320
Tarlton	320
Greyhound	140
Two Brothers	200
Amity	240
Africa	300
Brought over	1920
The Owners Adventure	240
Betty Brigantine	160
Prince Eugene	280
Peace	200
Mary	360
Earle	320
Indian King	300
Scipio	400
Tyrer	300
Happy Return	140
Booth	280
Sarah	260
Succeſs	360
Little Peace	140

Abſtract.

21 Ships from *Liverpool*	5560
39 *Ditto* from *Briſtol*	10420
60 *Ditto* from *London*	17070
	33050
Beſides which there are from *Glaſgow*, 3 Ships,	
From *Dartmouth*, and other Ports, 3 Ships, } carrying	3000
From the Plantations, 20 Sloops,	
In all 146 carrying Negroes	36050

N. B. The above Liſts amount to 146 Ships, carrying 36050 Negroes; beſides Thirty odd Ships, which have been burnt, ſunk, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, in Nine Months laſt paſt, by the Pyrates; whereby the Plantations have been greatly diſappointed of their Supply of Negroes for this Year.

From the ſaid Liſts it does appear, That the *African Trade* is ſo far from being loſt, that it is become one of the moſt flouriſhing Branches of Trade now belonging to *Great Britain*; being increaſed to near Twenty Times more than what it was under former Projectors, or Excluſive Companies.

The Ships above, all, except Five or Six, belong to the Separate Traders, both as Owners and Freighters thereof; not including thoſe imployed by the *South-Sea* and *African* Companies; which may ſerve to convince the World, That nothing can ruin or cramp this Trade, but Pyrates abroad, and Projects at home.

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